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EDAC Working Group III, Economic Defense Policy & Planning

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2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 1956
Room 3025 New State

Attendance:

State

Mr. Tuckerman, Acting Chairman

ODM

Mr. Winant

Dr. Morgan

Defense

Mr. Van Sant

Treasury

Mr. Blaser

Commerce

Mr. Rennert

CIA

MDAC

Mr. Hale

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Mr. Slaght

Mrs. Huver, MDAC Committee Secretary

Agenda:

1. Working Group assignment concerning emergency action steps--economic warfare.
2. Problem of coordination and implementation of U.S. policy concerning Soviet economic penetration of underdeveloped countries.

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1. Working Group assignment concerning emergency action steps--economic warfare.

Decision

It was decided that State Department members should look into this assignment to decide what, if any, interagency coordination is needed, and the MDAC member should ask Admiral DeLany to check on the propriety of this assignment to him. The assignment is temporarily withdrawn from the active agenda of this Group.

Discussion

The Chairman introduced Dr. Morgan who is attached to the Materials Area of the Office of Defense Mobilization. Dr. Morgan explained that there is at the top level of the Government the Defense Mobilization Board which is responsible for wartime planning. This Board has set up the following four different mobilization plans:

Plan D-Minus -- This is what the U.S. Government would have to do in case of an all-out atomic attack upon continental U.S., occurring without any warning.

Plan D -- This is different from Plan D-Minus only in that there is some warning and it is possible to set up a wartime Government organization in advance of the actual attack.

Plan C -- This is general mobilization without an attack upon the U.S.

Plan B -- This would be a renewal of something like border activity in Korea.

The greatest emphasis is on Plan D-Minus as that is the one we are least prepared to handle. He said the other areas of ODM have not progressed as far as the Materials Area because of the fact that their problems are not as clear.

Dr. Morgan explained some of the plans and assumptions which have been discussed and approved by DMB and stressed that this information has had very limited distribution.

In a discussion as to the delegation of responsibility for sections of this planning, Dr. Morgan said that the assignment was made by DMB that, in the event of D-Minus, with no other agencies than the existing ones, the State Department, including ICA, would be responsible for foreign activities.

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